

2018

35th Annual Social Work Day at  
the United Nations



**SDGs, Climate Change  
and Social Work Practice**

*March 26, 2018*

*9:45 am – 12:00 pm*

*Conference Room 4*

*United Nations,*

*New York Headquarters*

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## ***Program 2018***

- 9:50 AM           **A Word About our Program**  
Shirley Gatenio Gabel, Co-Chair Social Work Day, IASSW  
Michael Cronin, Co-Chair Social Work Day, IFSW
- 10:00 AM           **Welcome**  
Annamaria Campanini,  
President, IASSW
- 10:10 AM           **Panelists**  
**His Excellency the Honorable Ambassador Teburoro Tito**, Permanent  
Representative of the Mission of Kiribati to the United Nations
- 10:25 AM           **Daniel Thomas**  
Special Advisor, Advocacy and Communications at UNICEF
- 10:45 AM           **Mariam Traore Chazalnoel**  
Expert, United Nations Migration Agency
- 11:05 AM           **Mark Chamber,**  
Director, NYC Mayor’s Office of Sustainability
- 11:15 AM           **Meredith Powers**  
Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 11:30 AM           **Wrap-Up**  
**Rory Truell**  
Secretary-General, IFSW
- 11:45 AM – Noon   **Question and Answer** Period

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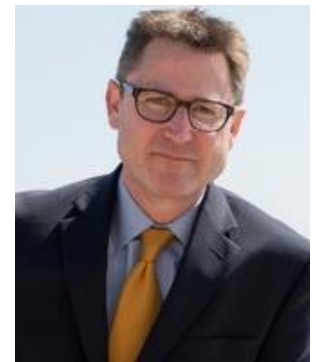
## Speaker Biographies

**Dr. Annamaria Campanini**, President of International Association of Schools of Social Work and Professor of Social Work at Milano Bicocca University. She served as President of the European Association of Schools of Social Work from 2007-2011. In addition to her leadership roles in social work education, Annamaria has taught in many countries throughout Europe and China and served as an international examiner as well as curriculum development expert in Portugal and for European ESCO projects.



**His Excellency Ambassador Teburoro Tito** is the Permanent Representative of Kiribati to the United Nations. H.E. Ambassador Tito was first elected President of Kiribati in 1994, and then reelected in 1998 and 2002. Mr. Tito is a Member of Parliament for South Tarawa since 1987. It was during his presidency that Kiribati became a Member State of the United Nations. He attended the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, from 1971 to 1977, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree with a Graduate Certificate in education. Born in Tanaeang Village, Mr. Tito is married and has a granddaughter.

**Daniel Thomas** is the Special Advisor of Advocacy and Communications at UNICEF. Prior to this he led communication and external relations for the President of the United Nations General Assembly and was Spokesperson for the President. Dan previously headed up communications, mobilization and outreach for the UN Secretary-General's Climate Change and for the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit. He started his career as a journalist and a multimedia producer. He has travelled to more than 50 countries and lived and worked in Cardiff, Hong Kong, London, Nairobi, Geneva and New York.





**Mariam Traore Chazalnoel** is an Expert in Migration, Environment and Climate Change at the United Nations Migration Agency/ IOM and brings these issues to the global policy agenda. She provides technical support to national policymakers seeking to respond to climate migration challenges. Mariam is the editor of the IOM Outlook on Migration, Environment and Climate Change and the author of several chapters and papers dedicated to the global governance of climate migration.

**Mark Chambers** is an urbanist, an architect, and Director of Mayor Bill de Blasio's Office of Sustainable in the City of New York. In this role, he leads the development of policies and programs that enhance the sustainability of New York City, as outlined in One New York. Mark serves on the Board of Directors of the NYC Energy Efficiency Corporation and the Building Energy Exchange. Previously he worked in the District of Columbia leading an interdisciplinary team to creatively manage energy supply and demand, as well as water and waste resource conservation efforts.



**Dr. Meredith C. F. Powers**, PhD, MSW, is an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She currently teaches Environmental Justice and is as a Field Liaison for social work students working with immigrant and refugee populations. Previously she worked with immigrant and refugee clients and in community development partnerships for sustainability. She established and administers the growing, international, online networks 'Green/Environmental Social Work Collaborative Network' and a Facebook group 'Ecologically Conscious Social Workers' for social workers around the world who are

committed to ecological justice.

**Dr. Rory Truell** is the Secretary-General of the International Federation of Social Workers working directly with national social work associations, unions representing social work, frontline services, government leaders and international development agencies. He frequently speaks and writes on the importance of building community engagement in social protection systems, challenges for the profession, and the social work contributions to sustainable development. He is an Honorary Professor at Durham University, has lectured at many institutions globally and regularly writes on social work practice in the *Guardian*.



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